

## Commonwealth of Virginia

## Auditor of Public Accounts

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April 18, 2012

The Honorable Gary M. Williams Clerk of the Circuit Court County of Sussex

Rufus E. Tyler, Sr., Chairman Board of Supervisors County of Sussex

Audit Period: January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Court System: County of Sussex

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for this locality. Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system; evaluate the Court's internal controls; and test its compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies.

## Management's Responsibility

Court management has responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Deficiencies in internal controls could possibly lead to the loss of revenues or assets, or otherwise compromise fiscal accountability.

We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention.

The Clerk has taken corrective action to remediate the internal control finding that we reported in the previous audit.

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We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable W. Allen Sharrett, Chief Judge Thomas E. Harris, County Administrator Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services Supreme Court of Virginia Director, Admin and Public Records Department of Accounts